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TO: **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME LICENSEES***original signed by Melissa Miller*FROM: MELISSA MILLER, Program Administrator
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SUBJECT: Family Child Care Consumer Awareness Brochure (PUB 72)

This letter is to let you know about changes being made to the Family Child Care Home regulations. To make sure that parents are well informed about their child care arrangements, regulations are being developed to require licensees to give parents the Family Child Care Consumer Awareness Brochure (PUB 72) when their children are admitted to the home. As a licensee, you will have to keep verification in the children's files that you gave the brochure to parents. To avoid additional paperwork, the Family Child Care Home Notification of Parents' Rights form (LIC 955A) will be revised to include a place for parents to sign that they received the brochure.

The purpose of the brochure is to provide useful information to parents about the role of the licensing agency and the benefits of placing children in licensed child care. It includes a health and safety checklist, suggestions for parents about things to discuss with their family child care provider, and instructions for contacting the local licensing office.

Until the regulations are in place, *no citations will be issued* for failure by the licensee to provide the PUB 72 to parents at the time their children are admitted into a family child care home. However, because we think this brochure contains important information, we encourage you to begin now to provide it to the parents of children currently in your care and to the parents of new children as they are admitted to your home.

A copy of the Family PUB 72 is enclosed. You may photocopy the brochure for your use. You may also download the PUB 72 brochure by visiting our website at <http://www.cclld.ca.gov>.

Thank you for your voluntary cooperation in providing the PUB 72 to parents until the regulations become effective. If you have any questions, please call your local licensing office.

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